

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2011-180-E - ORDER NO. 2011-391
MAY 24, 2011

IN RE:	Application of Progress Energy Carolinas,)	ORDER APPROVING
	Incorporated Requesting Approval of)	EXPERIMENTAL TARIFF
	Experimental Tariff on Residential Service)	
	Energy Efficient Benchmarking Program RS-)	
	EEB-2)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the request of Carolina Power & Light Company, d/b/a Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc. (“PEC” or “the Company”) for approval of its proposed experimental tariff “Residential Service – Energy Efficient Benchmarking Program RS-EEB-2.” This submission is in accordance with this Commission’s June 26, 2009, Order No. 2009-373 in Docket No. 2008-251-E.

The purpose of the Residential Energy Efficient Benchmarking Program is to provide eligible residential customers with periodic individualized reports comparing their electricity usage with usage at similarly-situated homes. According to the Company, this information will assist customers in understanding their usage and will encourage energy conservation and the installation of energy efficiency measures.

PEC will seek recovery of all program-related costs through its annual Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency (“DSM/EE”) cost-recovery rider, consistent with the DSM/EE cost recovery procedures approved in Docket No. 2008-251-E. The

persistence of benefits from this Program is assumed to be limited to the period of direct customer involvement, i.e. one year. Therefore, in the absence of verified benefit persistence, PEC plans to request recovery of program costs, lost revenues and PPI over the period in which they occur, rather than amortizing those costs over multiple years. As a result, PEC plans to seek recovery of relevant costs annually as part of its DSM/EE cost-recovery filings. PEC plans on making the Program available to South Carolina customers as soon as is reasonably possible after this Commission's approval.

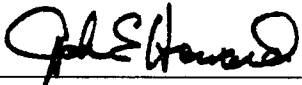
The Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") does not object to the Program, nor to the cost recovery treatment proposed by the Company. ORS does request that the specific cost recovery plan for this Program be noted in this Order, which has been done above.

We would note that experimental tariffs such as the one before us may be put into effect without notice or hearing by this Commission. See S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-870 (F) (Supp. 2010) (Commission may allow tariffs to be put into effect without notice and hearing upon order "when the rates or tariffs are for experimental purposes").

Accordingly, we have examined this matter, and have concluded that the experimental tariff and cost recovery mechanism proposed by the Company should be and are approved as filed. We believe that the information provided under the program will assist customers in understanding their usage and encourage energy conservation and the installation of energy efficiency measures. The tariff shall be filed with the Commission via the Commission's E-Tariff system.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



John E. Howard, Chairman

ATTEST:



David A. Wright, Vice Chairman

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